

**TOM GREEN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

P.O. Box 1625  
San Angelo, Texas 76902  
Golda M. Foster – Chairman

22 January 2008

The Honorable Michael D. Brown,  
Tom Green County Judge  
Commissioners Court –  
Commissioner Ralph Hoelscher, Pct. 1  
Commissioner Aubrey DeCordova, Pct. 2  
Commissioner Steve Floyd, Pct. 3  
Commissioner Richard Easingwood Jr., Pct. 4

Gentlemen:

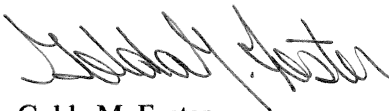
The Tom Green County Historical Commission is pleased to present this report of its activities during 2007. This report is compliant with Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The 18 voting members and associate members worked on a vast array of projects, programs, and research this year. We are proud to report our commission has successfully submitted three applications to the Texas Historical Commission for historical markers this past year: Delta Memorial Park Cemetery, Butterfield – Overland Mail – Grape Creek Station, and the Orient – Santa Fe Depot. The Delta Memorial Park Cemetery will receive a Historic Texas Cemetery medallion; BOM – Grape Creek Station will receive a subject marker, and the Orient – Santa Fe Depot has an application for a Recorded Texas Landmark marker and designation. Under the new THC marker guidelines some 280 marker applications were received from 121 counties. We are proud to be an active participant in this program.

This past year our members **donated 4,916 volunteer hours**. Calculated by the 2006 Bureau of Labor Statistics, these hours are valued at \$92,273.32 in volunteer services provided to the court and the citizens of Tom Green County. **Our members have served the county with a combined 290 years service.**

The court's continued support of our organization and its highly successful program of work is vital. In 2007 the Texas Historical Commission presented the Tom Green County Historical Commission its highest honor – The Distinguished Service Award. We welcome your participation in our events and look forward to continuing our service to the court.

Respectfully submitted,



Golda M. Foster,  
Chairman

Attachments:



THE  
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
PRESENTS THIS  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
TO  
TOM GREEN COUNTY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTIVE  
AND WELL-BALANCED PRESERVATION PROGRAM

CHAIRMAN, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE

## **Acknowledgement of Years of Service to Tom Green County**

**Dec 2007**

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- ❖ Mrs. Ollie Joyce Eaton – 8 Years
- ❖ Robert Pace & Drew Sykes – 7 Years each
- ❖ Milton Taylor, Ernestine M. Torres, & John Vaughan – 1 year each

[ Note: SFC Milton Taylor is on active duty service in Iraq and is now on associate member status. Upon his return from military service, he will resume voting member status. We communicate with him via email.]

## COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2007 Annual Report

You may download an electronic version of this form from the THC web site: [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us)

Please use this form to report your 2007 county historical commission (CHC) activities to your county commissioners court as well as to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Information from these forms may be used to report county and statewide historic preservation activities to the state legislature.

**Please complete this form and return by February 28, 2008. Thank you.**

County: TOM GREEN      Name of CHC chair: GOLDA M. FOSTER

1. How many members currently serve on your commission? 17 voting members and numerous associate members
2. How many meetings did your commission hold in 2007? 11 regular meetings + participation in June at Fort Concho's Frontier Day
3. How do you inform the public about your meetings and activities? Newspaper, emails, postcard mail
4. When were your CHC's bylaws last reviewed and updated? a review began in 2007 and final update is planned for spring 2008  
(Please provide a current copy to the THC.)
5. How many volunteer preservation hours did your commission members work this year? 4916 hours - valued at \$18.77 per hour (2006 Bureau of Labor Statistics volunteer rate) = \$92,273.32 .

6. Does your commission sponsor or work with young people in your county? ☒ Yes    ☐ No

If yes, please list and describe such activities: Boy Scout - Eagle Scout candidates - cemetery research, clean-up & survey work with TGCHC supervision & coordination

7. Does your county provide funds in its budget for your commission? ☒ Yes    ☐ No  
If yes, how much was your allocation in fiscal year 2007? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your county provide office space for your commission? ☒ Yes    ☐ No

If the county provides other operating help, please list: \$4,000 budget allocation, plus postage, use of copier machine, office space & storage area

8. Does your commission have other sources of funding? ☒ Yes    ☐ No

If yes, please briefly describe sources and amounts of such income: booths at community events

9. Please check all that apply to your commission:

☒ Members attended the 2007 Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Lakeway

How many? 4

- ☒ Member, Preservation Texas
- ☒ Member, Texas Historical Foundation
- ☐ Member, Texas Association of Museums
- ☐ Member, Texas Downtown Association
- ☐ Member, Texas Oral History Association
- ☐ Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- ☐ Member, American Association for State and Local History
- ☐ Member, Texas State Historical Association
- ☒ Member, other historical associations(s): Fort Concho NHL - Museum, Friends of Fairmount Cemetery, Downtown San Angelo Association

10. Please check all areas in which your CHC worked actively to promote historic preservation:

- ☒ Historical marker(s)
- ☒ Historic cemetery preservation and/or designation
- ☒ History museum(s)
- ☐ National Register of Historic Places designation
- ☒ Main Street Program – Which town(s)? San Angelo
- ☐ Certified Local Government – Which city or county? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Visionaries in Preservation Program – Which community? San Angelo
- ☒ Texas Heritage Trails Program – Which trail region? Forts
- ☒ Heritage tourism (other than or in addition to Texas Heritage Trails Program)
- ☐ Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
- ☒ Military sites
- ☒ Advisor to commissioners court on matters related to history and preservation
- ☒ Survey/inventory of architectural resources
- ☐ Advocacy for the preservation of an endangered historic resource (see also question #12)
- ☐ Historic building rehabilitation
- ☐ Protection of archeological resources
- ☐ Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
- ☐ Oral history
- ☒ Archives
- ☐ School/educational programs
- ☒ Training workshops
- ☒ Local newspaper column
- ☐ Local history publication (CHC newsletter, county history book, brochures, etc.)
- ☒ Historical observances (check all that apply):
  - ☒ County/city birthdays Frontier Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day,
  - ☐ National Preservation Week
  - ☐ Texas Archeology Month
  - ☒ Other (please list): Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Battle Memorial, CSA Decoration Day,
  - ☐ Women's History Month
  - ☐ Black History Month
  - ☐ Hispanic Heritage Month

11. Does your CHC maintain an inventory of historic properties in your county? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when was the inventory last updated? 2007

12. Please list any significant historic properties or sites (officially designated or not) in your county that are threatened or endangered, damaged or destroyed. If possible, provide photographs, address and a brief description of the threat or damage, as well as information regarding any ongoing local efforts to preserve the site(s).

At the present time there are no historic structures we have determined as threatened or endangered. We act as liaison to Commissioner Court on courthouse preservation.

13. Please provide a brief narrative description of your CHC's successes over the past year, as well as its not-so-successful activities. (See also **Distinguished Service Award** information following question #16 on this form.) In particular, we would like to know about any specific plans for or programs dealing with diversity, both in terms of CHC membership and preservation activities in your county.

In 2007, the Tom Green County Historical Commission submitted applications to the THC for 1 Historic Texas Cemetery designation & the HTC Medallion (Delta Memorial Park Cemetery), and 2 THC Subject Markers - Butterfield-Overland Mail - Grape Creek Station (2008 centennial), and the Orient - Santa Fe Depot (Recorded Texas Historic Landmark subject marker) - 2008 centennial. In 2007 the THC established all new policies & guidelines for preparing & submitting historical marker applications. The most significant change was the all electronic - online process. This change appears to streamline the process; however, it has placed a significant burden on the TGCHC to train the community on the process and help them find computer literate assistance to prepare the electronic applications and supplementary documentation.

Other activities for 2007: January - Courthouse Ceremonies Swearing - In Elected Officials; John Vaughan - program on Center for Big Ben Studies; February - NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, program honoring the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of creation of the TGCHC (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>), Buffalo Soldiers Day at Fort Concho; March - Texas Independence Day - courthouse lawn program, re-paint Ben Ficklin Cemetery big entrance gate & sign; research, photos & support letter for TGC Library's Preserve America Grant application; 2 delegates attend 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogical Workshop at ASU (German & Scots - Irish immigration to Texas); April - wreaths at courthouse honoring Gen. Tom Green on April 14<sup>th</sup> (death in 1865), DRT grave medallion dedication program at Fairmount Cemetery honoring Mrs. Clint Johnson; San Jacinto Day program, Fairmount Cemetery program honoring San Jacinto veterans & co-sponsorship of Confederate Decoration Day with SCV, Daughters of the Republic of Texas & barbecue honoring volunteers; County Government Week, Community Day booth at Sunset Mall, sent 4 delegates to THC Annual Conference at Lakeway;

May - Toe Nail Trail Days in Christoval, Memorial Day wreaths at courthouse and flags placed on veterans graves in numerous cemeteries; June - Fronteir Day at Fort Concho NHL, member attended historical marker dedication program in Menard for Mission de San Saba; Midway Cemetery - worked with Comm. Easingwood on grave opening - photography, etc; submitted letter to THC regarding historic status of Hemphill - Wells building to facilitate a grant for the new library; June 15<sup>th</sup> - new pledge to Texas Flag adopted by Texas Legislature - cards distributed with new pledge;

July - Fort Concho National Cowboy Day event; August - Knickerbocker Community's annual Knicky Picky celebration, program commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ben Ficklin Flood of 1882 & honored county pioneers buried there, cemetery surveys of DeLong, Musick, Christoval Cemeteries and original site of Ben Ficklin townsite; research for TGC and Keith Davis, Esq. on Tom Green County - Irion County original boundary lines; program on possible downtown mural honoring Texas patriot Tom Green and prominent pioneers of TGC; attended program at Grape Creek High School on proposed 2008 Centennial celebration of

Butterfield - Overland Mail Stage arrival at Grape Creek Station; September - participate in THC's VIP program at Fort Concho with county & city officials, participate as a speaker during the Fairmount Cemetery Tour, provide photos, flags & decorations for grave sites of numerous local historic persons; submitted historic photos of Tom Green County courthouses to website [Texascourthouse-trails.com](http://Texascourthouse-trails.com); Sept 11 anniversary programs;

October - Oct. 2 - monument honoring 1955 crash of B-36 erected in garden of Court Street Annex building - photography, participated in the Community Non-Profit Day at Sunset Mall - created an exhibit "Movies Celebrate History" which spotlighted movies on military history & famous veterans, mannequins dressed in WWII uniforms, brochures on TGC veterans from all eras, distributed yellow magnetic ribbons "Support Our Troops"; Annual meeting of Friends of Fairmount Cemetery, Grape Creek Jam Fest, Death of Dr. Billy Mac Jones - 2<sup>nd</sup> chairman of TGCHC;

November - Marker Dedication ceremonies honoring 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of First Christian Mission in Texas (at San Angelo), Veterans Day Parade (Nov. 11) – built a decorated float for the parade, also participated in the Concho Valley Vietnam Veterans Day Program, designed and published a full – color brochure commemorating local veterans from the Republic of Texas / Texas Revolution through the current War in Iraq; December - annual Christmas dinner meeting of TGCHC, attended ceremonies honoring the Irish Ambassador who visited Fort Concho & the memorial graves of Irish soldiers at the Fort who had received the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Indian Wars, reception at San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts honoring the Irish Ambassador..... continuing research throughout the entire year on veterans of the Battle of San Jacinto, the Mexican War, and the Civil War; also research in the earliest issues of The Galveston Daily News on the organization and creation of Tom Green County, its elected officials and early commerce here. Numerous projects for Texas Department of Transportation on bridges, culverts, and cellular / radio tower locations.

14. Please tell us about any significant preservation projects in your county, either currently underway or planned for the coming year.

The restoration and conversion of the 1973 Hemphill - Wells building across from the courthouse has been an on-going fund raising project for the County Library for several years. We anticipate construction will begin within a few weeks. This is an important anchor building in downtown San Angelo. This new home for the library will permit many organizations including the TGCHC to have greater access to resources and research, and meeting spaces. When the library is completed, we anticipate additional resources will permit us to develop a website for historical commission projects and reference materials.

15. Please tell us about your efforts to recruit a diverse membership (age, race, gender, etc.) for your commission and how you are addressing issues of diversity in historic preservation in your county.

Our members include a broad span of ages, ethnic groups, and county wide community representatives. We invite participation and membership through community outreach at many events with booths, displays, and brochures. Our greatest successes have come from direct person-to-person invitation

16. Please tell us how the THC can be of greater assistance to you in carrying out your local preservation activities.

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*The State Agency for Historic Preservation 5*

## Tom Green County Historical Commission Voting Member Appointments: Term 2007 - 2008

In compliance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 318, the Commissioners Court of each county shall approve and appoint members to the county historical commission. Membership terms are for two years commencing in January of odd-numbered years. The following residents of Tom Green County, Texas, have formally expressed their desire to serve as Voting members, to actively participate in the preservation work of the Tom Green County Historical Commission, and to comply with attendance requirements.

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY / ZIP	PHONE
Edward P. Brininstool	10645 Spring Valley Ln.	SA 76904	944-9301
Barbara Ann Choate	725 E. Harris Ave.	SA 76903	653-1628
Howard Coleman	207 Glenmore St.	SA 76903	651-4484
Lucille Coleman	207 Glenmore St.	SA 76903	651-4484
Rose Duke	611 Preusser St. #B	SA 76903	653-9066
JoAn Earnest	P.O. 62032	SA 76906	651-9506
* Thomas Earnest	P.O. Box 62032	SA 76906	651-9506
Mrs. Ollie Joyce Eaton	102 LaSalle St.	SA 76903	651-4362
Golda M. Foster	1115 N. Van Buren St.	SA 76901	655-1380
Nonie Green	2401 Colorado Ave.	SA 76901	949-2920
David Mack Johnson	301 Kistler	SA 76903	651-2038
* Stella Opal Karr	5332 Pacific Rd	SA 76903	658-5469
Frances F. Keyes	405 Rio Concho Dr., #214	SA 76903	653-1196
*** Mildred Moreland	1321 S. Jackson St.	SA 76901	655-8445
Robert Pace	202 Dellwood Dr.	SA 76903	651-5902
* Drew Sykes	P.O. Box 45 Knickerbocker	79639	942-1373
Milton Taylor	1949 A & M Ave.	SA 76904	227-6554
Ernestine Torres	P.O. Box 48 Knickerbocker	79639	224-4001
* Associates in 2007	*** Senior Member Emeritus		

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The Commissioners Court of Tom Green County, Texas, acting in a regular session on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006, does hereby approve and appoint the above named residents to the Tom Green County Historical Commission to serve as Voting members for the term 2007 - 2008, and acknowledges the outstanding dedication and service of these members.

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Michael D. Brown,  
County Judge, Tom Green County, Texas